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1. IN LIGHT OF PROPOSAL PUT FORWARD IN PARA 2, REF A,
TO CANCEL NATO SEGMENT OF 1978 POLISH JOURNALISTS TRIP,
WE WILL NEED TO TAKE CARE NOT TO LET DOWN THOSE WHO HAVE
GIVEN US STRONG SUPPORT IN POLITICAL COMMITTEE, OR TO
PROVIDE THE FRENCH WITH A PRECEDENT FOR BLOCKING A
VISIT. WHILE WE ARE READY TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER
AND BELIEVE THAT ALLIED SUPPORT FOR THE VISIT IS
INCREASINGLY ISOLATING THE FRENCH, WE RECOGNIZE, THAT,
WITH TIME SHORTENING, IT WILL BE NECESSARY SOON TO
PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRIP. ACCORDINGLY,
WE WOULD PLAN TO ADVISE POLADS DURING WEEK OF JULY 17
THAT WE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF A VISIT BY EAST EUROPEAN
JOURNALISTS IN ORDER TO CONSULT ON A MATTER WHICH
RELATES TO EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND WHICH COULD
CONTRIBUTE TO NATO'S FUNCTION IN THE AREA OF DETENTE.
HOWEVER, WITH TIME RUNNING SHORT AND THE NEED TO FIRM UP
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ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE OVERALL TOUR, WE BELIEVE WE
SHOULD RELATE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF A VISIT BY POLISH
JOURNALISTS TO ONE NEXT YEAR. ACCORDINGLY, AT THE
APPROPRIATE TIME, WE WOULD PLAN TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT
AGAIN.

2. IF AT POLADS MEETING JULY 11 THERE SHOULD BE A

FAVORABLE SHIFT IN THE SITUATION WE WILL REPORT SAME
IMMEDIATELY. IF ASKED FOR INFORMATION AT JULY 11
MEETING ON HOW A VISIT TO NATO MIGHT BE ARRANGED, WE
WILL DRAW GENERALLY ON PARA 6, REF B. WILSON

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